

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** more than 3.2 million Americans have a bleeding disorder, the inability to form a blood clot, which endangers lives after injury and surgery; and

**WHEREAS,** some bleeding disorders, such as hemophilia, can be inherited while others may be caused by certain medications or conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** symptoms of a bleeding disorder include excessive bruising; bleeding into joints, muscles and soft tissues; prolonged menstruation; unexplained nosebleeds; extended bleeding after minor cuts, vaccinations or dental procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** severe bleeding episodes can result in lost time at work or school, chronic pain, reduced mobility, inability to perform basic daily tasks, and decreased quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** while there is no cure for bleeding disorders, proper care can control bleeding episodes for persons with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders, and access to comprehensive medical resources can help them lead productive lives; and

**WHEREAS,** the Hawai'i Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF) was established in Hawai'i in 2016 and is dedicated to finding better treatments and cures for inheritable bleeding disorders and prevention of complications through education, advocacy and research;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

## "BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of bleeding disorders and recognizing the value of the programs and services that support individuals living with a bleeding disorder.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of February 2020.

JOSHUA B. GREEN

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Governor, State of Hawai'i